



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 16-302-070

The Department is considering amending seed certification rules to provide clarity as to what constitutes a unit of certification in regards to the borders of a seed field. Additionally the proposed amendments will address the inclusion of areas surrounding a field into inspection for certification according to specific crop standards.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.49.310, 15.49.370(3)(4) and RCW 34.05

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Department has been requested by the Washington State Crop Improvement Association to amend seed certification standards to provide clarity in regards to the definition of a field. Additionally the Department is amending the seed certification rules to include areas of surveillance that surround a seed field as part of the inspection area.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) WSDA staff will develop the specific rule proposal. The proposed language and rule amendments will be presented to the WSCIA, state seed organizations and individual seed company representatives to solicit input and ensure broad based notification.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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